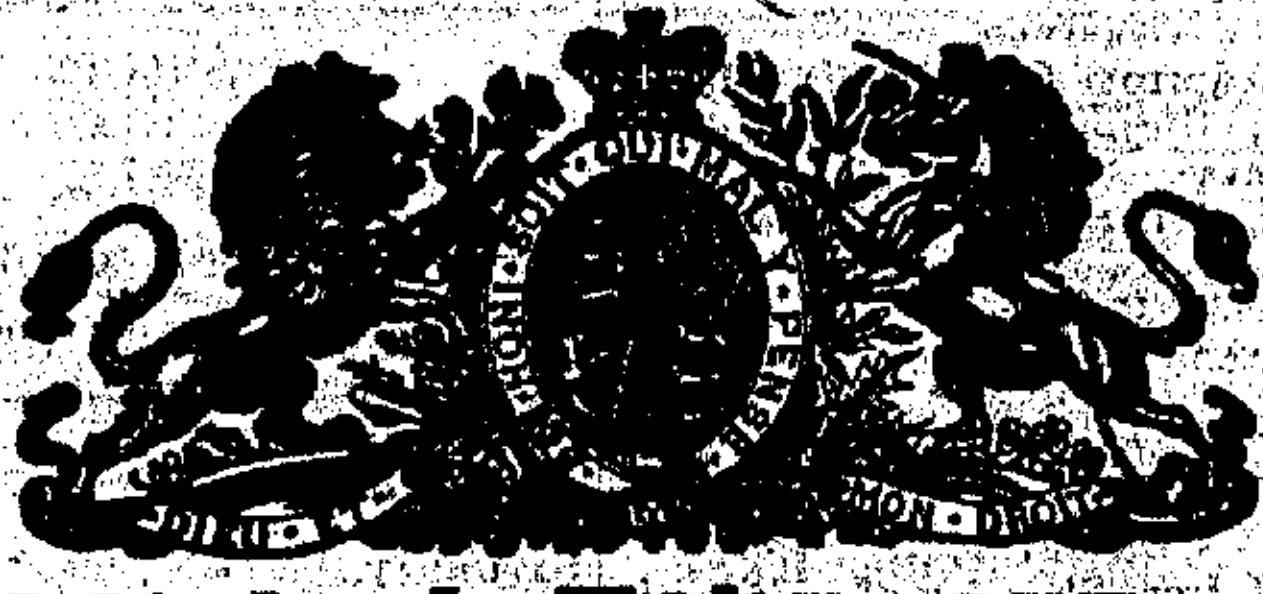


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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. " "

For 12 months, 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drifts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, by WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY. Hongkong, December 10, 1877. j610

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 22, 1877. j610

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. V. VERNON SHAW. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.

CHAS. C. COHEN. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. j61

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGG as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGG.

W. KERFOOT HUGHES. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. j61

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

GEFF & Co. Canton, November 1, 1877. j61

Entertainment.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season will take place on MONDAY, the 7th JANUARY, 1878, the Proceeds of which will be devoted to the FUND for Relieving the FAMINE in the NORTH OF CHINA. Hongkong, December 18, 1877. j67

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 46, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, August 20, 1877. j620

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1877. j61

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 1, 1877. d628

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.

IN H. M. PROVISIONAL COURT AT AMOY.

In the matter of proceedings for Liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors instituted by JOHN DODD and CRAWFORD DAVISON KERR, trading under the Style of DODD & Co., at AMOY and TAMSUI.

NOTICE is hereby given that a First MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Persons has been summoned to be Held at Messrs DODD & Co.'s Offices, Amoy, on the 29th day of December instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1877. JOHN DODD, CRAWFORD D. KERR, by his Attorney, J. DODD.

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DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING Co., 30 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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For Sale.

XMAS!!! XMAS!!! XMAS!!!

THE HONGKONG STEAM BAKERY has for Sale Ready-made CHRISTMAS CAKES of all sizes, and PASTRY of every description.

FORABJEE NOWROJEE, Ground Floor Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, December 19, 1877. j61

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1877.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

INVITE ATTENTION TO THEIR DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES. WORK BOXES. SCRAP BOOKS. PRESENTATION PINKSTANDS. PIN TOILET SETS. STATUETTES. Handsomely Bound GIFT BOOKS. FRENCH DOLLS. PUZZLES.

THE NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS, including:

ORIENTAL COSTUMES. LE BAL MASQUE. ELIXIR OF LOVE.

FANCY BOXES OF CHOCOLATE. CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS.

MINCE MEAT. ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. BLOOM MUSCATELS. FRENCH JAMS.

A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY EVER IMPORTED.

SACCONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices. PURE PORT. LIQUEURS. CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED Ex "STATE OF ALABAMA," &c., AND ARE NOW OFFERING FOR SALE THEIR XMAS SUPPLY.

Fancy Goods and Table Delicacies.

MORRISON'S SILVER PENCIL CASES, in numerous Fancy and Novel Designs.

Enslaid Tortoise-shell CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES.

Enamelled JEWEL CASEKETS. Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING CASES.

MUSICAL and other ALBUMS. OPERA GLASSES. Mappin Brothers' and Rodgers' OUTLERY.

Electro-plated CENTRE STANDS.

Do. Revolving Bacon DISHES.

Do. FRUIT STANDS.

Do. SIDE DISHES & Covers.

Do. WAITERS.

Do. TEA & COFFEE Services.

Do. Presentation MUGS.

Do. FISH KNIVES and FORKS in Polished Cases.

Do. FRUIT KNIVES and FORKS in Polished Cases.

Do. LIQUEUR STANDS, and ORUETS.

Do. CLARET JUGS.

Do. RUSCUT BOXES.

Do. CAKE BASKETS.

&c., &c., &c.

CHOICE COSAQUE CRACKERS, in GREAT VARIETY, AND NEWEST DESIGNS.

ELEGANT BONBON BOXES.

MECHANICAL and other TOYS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

CHARLOTTE MORRELL'S KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS.

SCOTT'S PICTURES, by Venetian Painters.

REID'S GEMS OF DUTCH ART.

SIMPSON'S PICTUREQUE PEOPLE.

ENGLISH PAINTERS OF THE PRESENT DAY.

PICTURES FROM ENGLISH LITERATURE.

CABINET PICTURES.

MY LADY'S BOUDOIR.

Dore and Tennyson's "ENID."

Dore and Tennyson's "VIVIAN."

Chas. WARS' ANGLICAN MYSTERIES OF PARIS.

DOYLES' FOREIGN TOUR OF BROWN, JONES & ROBINSON.

Michael's "THE SEA."

TROPICAL NATURE.

CASSELL'S POPULAR EDUCATOR.

SCHOOL GIFT BOOKS.

TOY BOOKS, &c., &c., &c.

TABLE DELICACIES OF ALL KINDS.

MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, (very fine.)

FINEST JORDAN ALMONDS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

CHOCOLATE, MASSON.

CHOCOLATE Imitation Objects.

Super-fine LIQUEUR CANDIES.

DRAGHES, in Fancy Boxes.

NONGATINES.

FRUITS in Noyau.

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PRUNES. CANDIED PEEL. GE. LATINE.

MINCE MEAT. TRUFFES.

SAVOURY PIES, VEAL and HAM PIES, GAME PIES, &c.

STRASSBOURG TERRINE DE FOIE GRAS.

PHILIPPS & CANARD'S Assorted PATÉS.

Reiniger TONGUES. Russia OX TONGUES.

Collared OX TONGUE. OX TONGUE in Jelly.

German Brown CAKES and GINGER NUTS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS. Outling's Dessert FRUITS, in cans. FINEST.

Old O. B. BOURBON WHISKY. SHERRIES. PORT. BRANDIES. WHITE WINES. LIQUEURS.

Krug's CHAMPAGNE, in Pints and Quarts.

Bass & Co.'s PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON & SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

Guinness's STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. STARR, in Pints and Quarts.

Hongkong, December 18, 1877.

CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, made to order by HONGKONG & CHINA BAKERY Co. Special Agents.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. d631

FOR SALE.

VERY FINE and Full AUSTRALIAN OATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. d624

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 21st Instant, at Noon,—

MORRISON'S OILMAN'S STORES, comprising: Mustard, Salad Oil, Olives, Jam, Raisins, Oatmeal.

Blue Pencil and Letter Paper, Steel Pens and Penholders, Letter Clips, Ink Erasers, Microscopes, Candle Boxes, Travelling Companions, Birthday Cards, &c., &c., &c.

Also, 4 Central and 4 Pin Fire Double Barrelled Fowling Pieces.

50 Muskets with Bayonets.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 19, 1877. d21

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed by H. KINGSMILL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, "As You Like It," Albany Hill Road, on

THURSDAY,

the 27th December, 1877, at Noon,—

The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (chiefly London-made), and other Effects.

The Drawing-room Furniture, consists chiefly of Superior Carved and Polished Walnut Tables, Couch, and Lounging Chairs, also Cane and Wicker Chairs, Chintz Curtains and Fittings, a Brussels Carpet, a Collard and Collard Piano, and a Four-Burner Hanging Lamp, by Osler.

The Dining-room contains a well-seasoned, Hand-polished Mahogany telescope Table, with Spare Leaves; a full Set of Solid Mahogany Dinner Chairs, Covered with Morocco, a Mahogany Sideboard with Carved Back and Marble Top, Electroplated Ware, Glass Ware, Crockery, &c., &c.

The Bedrooms contain Brass and Iron Bedsteads, with Hair Mattresses, Chintz Hangings, &c., a Complete Set of Polished Solid Birch Furniture, well-seasoned, comprising Wardrobes, Toilet Table, Marble-Topped Washstand and Service, Chests of Drawers, Birch-framed Toilet Glasses and Stands, Chairs, Round Table, &c., &c.

A Choice Selection of Japanese Conifer Shrubs, Standard Rose Bushes, English and Japanese Lilies, English Flowering Plants, &c., &c., will also be Sold.

On view from 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 26th.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. d37

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central.

The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section 4 of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$75.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. RUTLAND, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poku-to-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on Closes Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 22½ Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$53.40.

And, All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poku-to-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 3½ Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 31, 1877. d630

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. J. E. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 19, 1877. d628

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For COCKBURN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND Ports.

Intimations.

A LAUDATORY NOTICE.

WE, the Chinese Passengers by the steamer *Menelaus*, Capt. R. F. Seale, beg to signify our sense of gratitude publicly for the great kindness with which we were treated on board by Captain Seale, his Chief Officer Mr. J. Ward, and the Medical Officer of the ship, Dr. Carstairs, during the voyage of the vessel from Singapore to Hongkong; particularly for the good-heartedness they showed in yielding to our wishes in having preserved the body of an unfortunate female passenger who happened to die on board on the 10th inst., when the vessel was some distance from Hongkong. According to the sanitary rules of navigation, the body would have been thrown overboard, but the reverence for the dead is so great with us that all the passengers on board, numbering 432, as well as the three Chinese cooks on board, joined to beg the Captain and his Officers to spare that of the unfortunate woman, and they good-naturedly complied with our wish. We, therefore, as a mark of our sense of gratitude, have presented a Complimentary Flag to Capt. Seale, and our sincere thanks to his officers, especially Chief Officer J. Ward and Dr. Carstairs.

YOW SHING, and the other Chinese Passengers.
Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de21

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present five-yearly lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ap1

To-day's Advertisements.

NIGHT AUCTION!!!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
will sell by Public Auction,
ON
SATURDAY,
the 22nd December, 1877, at 8.30 p.m.,
at their Auction Rooms, Peddar's
Wharf,—

A Large and Handsome Selection
of FANCY GOODS, comprising: Gilt
and Crystal Ornaments, Night Clocks,
Flower Stands and Vases, Bonbon Boxes,
Jewels, Caskets, Inkstands, Albums,
Flower Pots, Dressing Cases, Pictures,
&c., &c., &c.
A Large Assortment of TOYS, con-
sisting of: Mechanical Toys in great
variety and novel designs, Dolls, Tin
Toys, Animals, Wood Toys, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.
Hongkong, December 20, 1877. d22



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
TEHERAN, Captain JOHNSON, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 3rd January,
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. The Suez Canal will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 20, 1877. ja3

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 78.

CHINA SEA.

YANZIE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.
Temporary Withdrawal of the "*Tungsha*"
Light vessel.

NOTICE is hereby given that on or
about the 1st JANUARY next, the
"*Tungsha*" Light vessel will be REMOVED
from her Station for REPAIRS. As soon
as Repaired she will Return to her old
moorings.

Temporary Light-vessel.
During the withdrawal of the "*Tungsha*"
a Red white light, visible in clear weather
about 8 miles, will be exhibited from a
Light-vessel made fast to the "*Tungsha*"
mooring.

In foggy weather a gong will be sounded
at one minute intervals.
The hull is painted red, and the ball on
the mast is 8 feet in diameter and painted
black.

By order of the Inspector General of
Customs,
DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief,
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, December 14, 1877. de27

To-day's Advertisements.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
GALLIO, from San Francisco, &c.,
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 20, 1877. de28

NOTICE.

TO SHIP BUILDERS AND OTHERS.

WANTED, A NEW STEAM LAUNCH,
of the following Dimensions, Speed,
&c.
LENGTH, from 80 to 90 feet.
BEAM, from 12 to 14 feet.
DRAFT, with Coals and Stores complete,
not to exceed 6 feet.
SPEED, 8 1/2 to 9 knots, on a consumption of
not exceeding 1 1/2 tons per 24 hours.
The Launch to be fitted with Cabin,
Masts, Sails, Ground Tackle, Boats, and
all Gear ready for sea.

TENDERS, accompanied with FULL PAR-
TICULARS, will be received by the Under-
signed until Noon on the 24th instant, for
the Sale or Building of the above Vessel.
B. DOUGLAS,
H.B.M.'s Resident, Singapore,
Care of J. E. Squire, Esq., Telegraph
Office, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 20, 1877. de23

NOTICE.

THE Attention of Shippers and others
interested in trade to Peru is called to
the following clauses of the Supreme Decree
of the President of the Republic of Peru,
dated Lima, 4th April, 1877.

Art. 1. Merchandise shipped to the ports
of Peru must be accompanied by Invoices
(in Spanish) certified to by the Peruvian
Consul at the port of shipment in accordance
with Art. 188 of the Consular Regulations.
Art. 2. Merchandise when shipped via
one or more foreign ports for a port in Peru
must be accompanied by a special manifest
(in Spanish) in addition to the Invoices
certified to by the Peruvian Consul in ac-
cordance with Art. 197 of Consular Re-
gulations.
Art. 3. Merchandise for which no certified
invoices are presented, as required by
Articles 188 and 197 of the Consular Re-
gulations, and Art. 1 of this decree, will be
subject to a surcharge of 25 per cent of the
duty upon them as determined by the tariff.
Merchandise entitled to enter free of duty
will be taxed 25 per cent on its total value.
Art. 4. The Master of any vessel who en-
ters a port of Peru without the documents
of his vessel being duly certified to by the
Consul for the Republic at the port from
whence he cleared, in conformity with
Articles 187 and 201 of the Consular Re-
gulations, will be liable to a fine of from
\$100 to \$1000 according to the importance
of the case, and the judgment of the Com-
missioners of Customs, without prejudice
to the spirit of Article 28 of the Code of
Commerce.

H. SEYMOUR GEARY,
Consul for Peru.
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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G.
Cunningham.—Wheeler & Co.
CLYDE, British ship, Captain E.
Shrewsbury.—Wheeler & Co.
COLORADO, American ship, Captain In-
gram.—Russell & Co.
KATE GARNIE, British barque, Captain
James Wilson.—Melchers & Co.
BROOKHALL, British ship, Captain H.
Bates.—Russell & Co.
CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain
Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt.
Schwee.—Melchers & Co.
PARACOA, British barque, Captain C.
Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.
BIRKEN, British ship, Captain W. Rey-
nolds.—Order.
JURGEN, German barque, Capt. W.
Winds.—Siemssen & Co.
ONKATE, British barque, Captain G.
Pancold.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 19, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 788,
Schultz, Shanghai Dec. 16, General—
Siemssen & Co.
Dec. 19, *Sue Pan*, Siamese ship, 579, A.
H. Mear, Singapore Nov. 26, Mear—
Kia Tze Loong.
Dec. 19, *Hopeful*, British 8-m. schooner,
216, Danonster, Manila Dec. 12, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
Dec. 20, *Namoa*, British steamer, 562,
Punchard, Foochow Dec. 16, Amoy 17, and
Swatow 19, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK
& Co.
Dec. 20, *Fortuna*, Siamese barque, 449,
C. T. Petterson, Chetoo Dec. 8, Beana.—
TAX MEE.
Dec. 20, *W. E. Gladstone*, British barque,
584, G. Gallahan, Cheong-ching Dec. 8, Salt.
—MASTER.
Dec. 20, *Gallio*, British steamer, 1712,
Wm. H. Kidley, San Francisco Nov. 17,
and Yokohama Dec. 13, Malls, Treasurer
(\$399,990.85), and General.—O. & S. S.
Co.
Dec. 20, *Jato*, Russian ship, 1865, C. F.
Moberg, Saigon Nov. 19, Salt.—LANDSTEIN
& Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 20, *Holbrook*, for Hellow.
20, *Yangtze*, for Kaitze.
20, *Patrolas*, for Shanghai.
20, *Houwang*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Gustav & Maria, for Batavia.
Evening Star, for Manila.
Lombardien, for Yokohama.
Dais, for Hellow.
Sydenham, for London.
Parrace, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Namoa*, from Coast Ports, Messrs
Him, Melby, Steglitz, 2 European deck,
and 120 Chinese.
Per *Gallio*, from San Francisco via Yokohama,
Messrs A. E. Alford, John Pitman,
Thomas Walsh, R. F. Baker, A. W. Beane,
608 Chinese, and 3 Japanese.
Per *Yangtze*, from Shanghai, 64 Chinese,
8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Thibet*, from Shanghai, for Brindisi,
Mr. and Mrs. Vele, Mr. P. Vele, Mr. and
Mrs. Paigo, Messrs A. J. Brandon and C.
A. Barattini; for Suva, Mr. F. C. Bruschdt.
From Hongkong: for Venice, Mr. C. M.
Dawson; for Singapore, Mr. J. L. Flood,
Dr. Stilmann, Mr. N. Curds and 5 Chinese;
for Penang, Mr. G. Wagorn, Col. and Mrs.
Splaybury, and 8 Chinese.
Per *Houwang*, for Shanghai, 32 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yangtze* reports:
Left Wooning on 16th inst. at 8 a.m., and
had foggy and rainy weather with variable
winds to Turnabout Island, from thence to
port N.E. monsoon with heavy rain
throughout. Passed steamers *Malacca*,
State of Alabama, and *Glengyle* steering
north.

The British steamer *Namoa* reports:
From Foochow to Amoy and Swatow had
light variable winds and foggy weather,
Swatow to Hongkong fresh monsoon and
occasional showers of drizzling rain. In
Foochow:—Strs. *Tah Yew*, *Minerva*, and
Europe. In Amoy:—Strs. *Glengyle*, *Nelson*,
and *H.M.S. Magpie*. S. S. *Douglas*
left for Foochow, Swatow, and Hongkong.
Tynton, *Hopeful*, *Riga*, and *Norwa*. S. S.
Hocking left for Shanghai on the 18th.

The British 3-masted schooner *Hopeful*
reports: First two days after leaving
Manila had light variable winds, thence
strong N.E. and N.E. winds, veering to
East as we approached the China Coast.

The British barque *W. E. Gladstone*
reports: Having on the 7th and 8th of Dec.
between Lat. 9 and 10 N. and Long. 112.40
E., passed several pieces of wreckage,
several cases apparently wine or brandy,
and one tin case, at the time experienced
strong breezes and a high sea. Latter part
of the passage light winds and fine weather.
The British steamer *Gallio* reports: Left
San Francisco on Nov. 17th at noon, strong
N.W. wind with heavy seas for ten days,
variable winds at seven days, and light
Easterly winds thence to arrival. Yokohama
at 8 a.m. on the 11th, left at 5 p.m. on
the 13th, variable winds to Turnabout,
moderate monsoons to arrival at 1 p.m. on
the 20th. Stopped four hours off Cape
Santo Misaki on account of thick fog.

The Russian ship *Jato* reports: Passed
Cape St. James on Nov. 20th. First eight
days of the voyage experienced very bad
weather, heavy squalls and a great deal of
rain. After passing North Danger the
weather became fine, and from thence to
Cape Bolinas had very light winds from
North to East, calm and a very smooth
sea. From Cape Bolinas to Pratas smooth
water and a light N.E. wind, thence to
port thick cloudy weather with fine drizzling
rain, fog and a fresh E.N.E. breeze.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per CITY OF TOKYO, at 11.30 a.m.,
on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead
of as previously notified.

For NEW YORK.—
Per Ship *ISLES OF THE SOUTH*, at
0.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 22nd
inst.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per Barque *ELISE*, at 9 a.m., on Mon-
day, the 24th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *DJEMNAH*
will be despatched from Hongkong
on THURSDAY, the 27th instant,
with Mails to and through the
United Kingdom and Europe, via
Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 26th instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.
Thursday, 27th instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Australia,
may be posted on payment of a
to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,
until—
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
Hongkong, December 18, 1877. de27

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *TEHERAN*
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
3rd January.
The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 2nd January.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 3rd January.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra
to Postage till—
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till—
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.
Hongkong, December 20, 1877. ja3

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.

Miscellaneous.

1 p.m.—Regatta commences.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 22.—

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

8.30 p.m.—Night Sale, at Messrs Lam-
mert, Atkinson & Co. Goods per *State of Alabama* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, December 23.—

Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, December 24.—

Goods per *Glengyle* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Gallio* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, December 26.—

Ocean leaves for Oooktown, &c., on or
about this date.

THURSDAY, December 27.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c.,
at Mr. H. Russell's residence, "As
You Like It."

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zeland Lodge.

MONDAY, December 31.—

Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings,
at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room,
Praya.
Normanby leaves for Singapore, &c., on
or about this date.

THURSDAY, January 3.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, January 4.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

MONDAY, January 7.—

9 p.m.—H. K. Choral Society's Con-
cert at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, January 15.—

Claims against the Estate of James Smith
Fergie, deceased, must be proved on
or before this date.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 8.05 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1877.

The Yokohama papers publish the pro-
spectus, extending over a column, of a
"Society for the Promotion of Charita-
ble objects." The promoters are fifteen
Japanese gentlemen, who, to quote the
words of their prospectus, or manifesto,
having put their hands to the work,
have solemnly sworn never to abandon
it whatever calamity may overtake them.
It will be the general aim of these
gentlemen to collect funds for charitable
purposes, and their special one, at pre-
sent, to found an asylum for the blind.
Each of the fifteen promoters will under-
take the management of the affair one
month in turn. We wish these high-
spirited and well-meaning natives every
success in their praiseworthy labours.
The Japanese are certainly not behind
other nations in benevolence.

The *London and China Express* says it
is able to state on authority that the
question of night passes for Chinese in
this Colony was dealt with in a despatch
from Mr. Hennessey which reached Down-
ing Street about the middle of July, and
that in this despatch His Excellency
reported that the general system of night
passes in Hongkong for the Chinese was
a police regulation which had worked
well, and which he saw no necessity for
disturbing. This is a statement that
will be received here with considerable
satisfaction, because even up to the pre-
sent moment many persons have not
been altogether free from the apprehen-
sion that His Excellency would some day
take advantage of a favourable opportu-
nity for dealing a blow at the system.
Whether His Excellency never contem-
plated any interference with the system,
or whether further consideration of the
subject and the lively discussion that
ensued here upon it resulted in the with-
holding of his hand, are points which we
are not in a position to decide. We
only know that shortly after his arrival

Mr. Hennessey expressed himself rather
strongly with respect to one or two fea-
tures of the system, and that somehow
reports got abroad that His Excellency
was contemplating some changes in
regard to them.

BEKROVA, on which the Russians are
reported by the latest telegrams to be
advancing, is a town about twenty-five
miles to the south-east of Tirmova, and
about five miles to the east of Elena,
which Suleiman Pasha captured, with
its garrison, a few weeks ago. It is on
the high road leading from Tirmova to
the Demir Kapu and Kasan passes.
Slataritz, where the Russians were said
to have turned the Turkish right wing
after the capture of Elena, is about ten
miles nearer Tirmova than Bekrova, and
no doubt this movement on Bekrova is
an advance of the Russian at the first-
mentioned place.

There seems to us an excellent pros-
pect that the negotiations for peace
just inaugurated will have a successful
issue, although Italy may not be the
Power that will carry them through.
Considering the critical affair the Rus-
sians have so far found the war, and the
hard fighting and winter campaign yet
to be experienced before they can hope
to reach Constantinople, to say nothing
of financial embarrassments, there can
be little doubt that the Czar would, at
the present moment, be very glad to be able
to make a peaceful retreat from Bul-
garia. The only consideration likely to
induce the Russians to persevere in the
war during the ensuing winter will be
that of military prestige. Let the
present campaign end as it may, the
belief in the military prowess of the
Giant of the North will not have been
increased by the war. The recent Russian
successes, however, enable Russia to
withdraw from the struggle at the pre-
sent moment without that crushing
humiliation which would have attended
the peaceable collapse of the campaign
a month ago. The circular just sent round
by Turkey leaves no doubt as to her
desire to bring the war to a termination.
It would afford many people a consider-
able amount of gratification to see the
Sultan and the Czar shake hands over
their differences, and leave the former
to settle matters with Serbia. If we
mistake not the Turk would be hardly
inclined to treat Prince Milan with so
much leniency as he did at the con-
clusion of the last struggle.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The delivery of the American Mail was
begun at 2.05 this afternoon.

H. M. S. Tamar arrived with the relief
crews as we were going to press.

The first race in the Regatta to-morrow—
that for the "Junior Souls"—will start
at 1 p.m. The H.K. & W. Dock Co.'s Tug
Boat *Fame* will leave Peddar's Wharf both
To-morrow and Saturday at 12.30 p.m. for
the Flag Ship *Sunda*, and will return at 4
p.m.

We have received the F. & O. Time Table,
showing the movements of the Company's
steamers for the year ending December
1878. The mail-day at Hongkong changes,
we observe, on Saturday, 20th April; and
goes back again to Thursday on the 10th of
October. In other respects the old, much-
abused but favourite Company's programme
is very like its predecessors.

ALTHOUGH the allotment of the Bonds of
the Imperial Chinese Loan of 1877 has not
satisfied every applicant, it is clear that a
certain amount of attention has been given
to small investors, and that no applicant
has been altogether overlooked. The dis-
satisfaction of the native hongs, however,
is apparently well grounded. It is said
that a large number of the Bonds have been
allotted for London, and probably much
could be said in favour of this action on
political as well as commercial grounds.
The Bonds have already reached a small
premium, while there is every likelihood
of their going higher.

THE news that the States of New York,
Pennsylvania, and New Jersey have gone
Democratic in their election of State officers
has created some excitement amongst our
American friends. Those of a Democratic
tendency praise that President Hayes,
who has hitherto shown a leaning towards
impairment, will be compelled to shape his
policy on Democratic lines, and that there
is now a dead certainty that the next Pre-
sident will be a Democrat. Whether or not
the Republicans agree in this, is quite an-
other question. If these changes of party
would only tend to give the United States
a permanent Civil Service—abroad at least,
if not at home—we are supremely indisfer-
ent as to whether the great civil thrums at
the White House be occupied by a Demo-
crat or a Republican.

Things are becoming lively for household-
ers in the Colony. Last night witnessed
one of those incidents which used to be the
daily talk in former days, and which raised
the price of revolvers and other firearms.
Another house on the higher levels has
been favoured with a nocturnal visit—this
time with some success. The foreign house-

holder has lost his plate, clocks, and purse,
with other articles, and no clue, so far as
we know, has been obtained of the lively
practical joker. Under the circumstances,
the only advice we can give is for those
interested in keeping possession of their
property to carefully see after their bolts
and bars, and keep a keen eye upon the
character and opportunities of their ser-
vants.

We hear that Mr. Hamilton, one of the gen-
tlemen who received a free pardon for their
humane treatment of the sufferers by the
Yesso explosion, has evinced a lively in-
terest in Mr. King, the 3rd engineer of that
steamer. Mr. Hamilton has drawn up a
petition appealing to the engineers in the
port to subscribe towards defraying the ex-
penses of Mr. King's defence. Mr. Hamilton
has not met with the success his well-meant
efforts deserved, as people were a little shy
of him and some even doubted the bona fides
of Mr. H.'s intentions. We believe that
Inspector Grimes is anxious to subscribe his
mite, as he has been anxiously enquiring
after Mr. Hamilton. Should this meet the
eye of Mr. Hamilton

nas, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario.
 VI. Standard.—P. Williams, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. H. Noronha; J. M. da Silva, Pon, presented by Mr. D. Noronha.
 VII. Standard.—H. Noronha, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; J. A. dos Remedios, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. H. Noronha; A. M. da Silva, Book, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios.
 VIII. Standard.—A. H. dos Remedios, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario.
 IX. Standard.—F. da Costa, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario; J. Lelira, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario; F. Godall, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios.

Special Prizes.

Composition.—E. Carvalho, Book, presented by Mr. Hanlon.
 Grammar.—P. Williams, Book, presented by Mr. Hanlon.
 Arithmetic.—H. Noronha, Book, presented by Mr. Hanlon.

Girl School.

VI. Standard.—H. Jesus, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario.
 V. Standard.—A. de Jesus, Book, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; E. Carvalho, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario.

IV. Standard.—A. Gomes, presented by Mrs. Hanlon; M. Jesus, Book, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; M. Figueiredo, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario; E. Figueiredo, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. A. G. Romano.

III. Standard.—L. Lelira, Work Basket, presented by Mrs. J. H. dos Remedios; S. Danenberg, Work Basket, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; E. Godall, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario; E. Lelira, Work Basket, presented by Mrs. A. G. Romano; M. Terry, Book, presented by Mr. M. O. do Rozario; E. Figueiredo, Book, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; J. Orosio, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios.

II. Standard.—O. Smith, Book, presented by Mrs. Hanlon; H. Remedios, Work Basket, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; O. Gomes, Work Basket, presented by Mrs. A. G. Romano; E. Godall, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios.

I. Standard.—H. Sa, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; E. Whitehead, Pondi Case, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios; M. Gomes, Work Basket, presented by Mr. J. J. dos Remedios.

Special Prizes.

Best Scholar.—H. Jesus, Book, presented by Mrs. Hanlon; A. Jesus, (French), French Dictionary, presented by Mrs. Hanlon; M. Jesus, (French), Book, presented by Mrs. Hanlon.

Grammar.—L. Lelira, Book, presented by Mrs. Hanlon.
 Arithmetic.—S. Danenberg, Book, presented by Mrs. Hanlon.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting).

20th Dec., 1877.

DURK.

Joseph Stanley, a seaman belonging to the American bark *Mignon*, was fined 50 cents and to pay 10 cents chair hire for having been found drunk in the Queen's Road.

Li Yau, described as a doctor, was charged on remand with having been found in possession of eleven bags of Pu-chuk (dried bean-curd), which had been stolen with other articles from a cargo-boat (No. 1871) shortly after midnight of the 13th instant, when the boat was under sail near Stone Cutter's Island. It appears that a trader named Chou Akook had hired the cargo-boat to carry some bags of Pu-chuk, and about midnight the boat was attacked by an armed body of men (about 10) who stole the Pu-chuk and other articles. The owner of the merchandise afterwards saw some of it opposite the Man Cheong chandler's shop, and the defendant was charged with having sold it. The owner could not identify any of the men who stole the merchandise.

Mr. May committed the prisoner for trial.

SUSPICIOUS.

Chan Akoo, a married woman, was again charged on remand before Mr. Russell with having brought four young girls to the Colony for an immoral purpose, but there being no further evidence against her, she was discharged.

ARRESTING A WIFE.

Chan Aohin, a hawker, was summoned by his wife for assaulting her. Defendant complained that his loved one was unfaithful to him, and he was thus induced to beat her. He had no evidence of his wife's unfaithfulness. Mr. Russell fined him \$5 or 21 days imprisonment, and called on him to enter into personal bail (\$25) to be of good behaviour for one month.

HAR-ASHING.

Chan Aohin, a collier, was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing a hat. The prisoner, it appears, snatched the hat off the owner's head, whilst he was walking in the Queen's Road.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice Snowdon.)

20th December, 1877.

LARCENY.

Regina v. Chiu Atai and 9 others.
 The prisoners in this case numbered ten altogether, five were males and five females, viz.—Chiu Atai, (a woman); Kwok Aiy, Low Aohin, Cheong Akook, Leung Cheong Mui, (a woman); Yeung Atai, Leung Amui, Mak, Asoo, Leung Atai and Kwok Alan. (The last three were women), were indicted for stealing a bale of goods the property of Arthur Smith.

Mr. Haylar, q.c. instructed by Mr. Denry, appeared for the defence.
 Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Sharp, Crown Solicitor, officiated for the Attorney General.

The following jury was empanelled, Messrs E. George, O. Vogel, A. F. MacKenzie, W. H. Battle, L. L. Bush, I. F. Perera, and R. H. Boyd.

From the opening speech of the learned counsel for the prosecution, it appeared that some goods belonging to the *Plum* Carle on the 20th October last were consigned to Messrs. Birley & Co. The discharge of the goods by this vessel was entrusted to Messrs. MacG. Heston & Co. Among other boats employed in the discharge of the

cargo, was cargo boat No. 76, the owner-ship of which was claimed by the last prisoner. A large quantity of goods was placed into this boat and she was lying off the wharf opposite the Engine House of the Hongkong Fire Insurance. On the morning of the 1st November, the boat was seen to be to leave the wharf before she had discharged the cargo in her. This attracted the attention of the Water Police, when Sergeant Grant gave pursuit. The boat was pulling towards Sooi-tup, beyond the Commercial Dock, when some oil cloth was seen to be thrown overboard; afterwards several pieces of white shifting were also thrown into the water. The Police boat came up with the cargo boat, and arrested all the prisoners. The 2nd was the sailing master, the 3rd was the tally-man employed by Messrs. MacG. Heston & Co., and the rest were members of the crew. A large quantity of goods was found on board, as also some loose hoops, apparently taken off a bale of goods. There were likewise found a chisel, which appeared to have been recently used, and bore a tinge of red paint, the same as that used on the bales of goods on board. The pieces of cloth were taken up from the water and were found to correspond in every respect with a quantity that was consigned to Messrs. Birley & Co. There should have been 40 bales of such goods, but only 39 were delivered to the firm. The criminal point against the prisoners was the fact of the boat's leaving the wharf suddenly before her cargo was discharged. It was asserted by them that there was a quantity of sheet iron consigned to the Naval Yard which had to be conveyed to the other side of the harbour, but Mr. Francis submitted that he would prove that the sheets of iron could not have been discharged without the other goods having been first discharged. The 3rd prisoner was the tally-man, and had no connection whatever with the boat, but he made no alarm when he knew the theft was being carried on, and would therefore be presumed to have taken part in the offence.

Evidence proving these facts was then taken, when Mr. Haylar addressed the Court for the defence. He admitted that there was a felony somewhere in connection with this cloth, but there was no proof of its having been committed on board this boat, and if there was, the blame could not be traced to any one; there was no time proved as to the theft, and the prisoners might or might not have been on board at the time. As to the tally-man, he did not know that the larceny had been committed; it might have been done long before he came on board.

The Jury returned a verdict of guilty against the first three prisoners, and acquitted the rest. Sentence was reserved.

LARCENY, &c.
 Regina v. Pan Acheung.
 The prisoner was indicted for stealing a bed-quilt and a silver watchman at Tak Hing Lane, on the night of the 16th November last. He was also charged with having in his possession a chisel and a pair of pliers for the purposes of burglary.

It appeared that the prosecutor was a private watchman employed to look after Tak Hing Lane. He slept in a small room under the stairs which led to the floor over the passage. During the night he felt some one removing his quilt, and gave pursuit. The prisoner was arrested by a Chinese Constable, who found on him the two implements.

The prisoner said he did steal the quilt, but not the watch. As to the implements, he was a carpenter by profession, and he wanted to sell them.

The Jury found the prisoner guilty of stealing the quilt only and not of the watch. They also acquitted him of having burglarious implements. It appeared that the prisoner was then arraigned on his previous convictions. It appeared that he had been convicted at the Supreme Court for robbery and was then sentenced to two years' hard labour. He was again convicted, by the Magistrate for larceny, and was then sent to three months' hard labour. While he was undergoing this sentence, he was recognised as having been a man who was pardoned on condition of his not returning to the Colony, and was sent to one year's hard labour for having returned. The prisoner pleaded guilty to these convictions. Sentence reserved.

COUNTERFEIT COINS.
 Regina v. Woo Acheung.
 The prisoner was indicted on three counts for passing counterfeit coins, and for having in his possession two counterfeit coins called dollars, at Townshott on the 25th November last.

After he had the evidence, the Jury was not satisfied that the coins were bad. The sheriff at the Police Court and the sheriff at the Supreme Court were both examined, but they disagreed as to the quality of the dollars, and the extent of the base alloy. A man from the Lee Ching shop was called, but he did not pretend to know anything of shilling dollars.

The Jury therefore returned a verdict of "not proven" which was taken by the Court to be a verdict of not guilty. His Lordship cautioned the Police as to the manner in which cases should be got up. This case had broken down entirely through the want of competent experts on shilling.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

THE "LEE LUM KWAI" CASE.
 To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
 Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1877.

SIR.—In the course of the article in your last issue on the above matter, you incidentally referred to the recent notification of His Excellency the Governor respecting the transmission of petitions and letters to the Government, and to the suspicion that Lee Lum Kwai was one of the last sharks who were "preying on his countrymen in preparing petitions for them and facilitating their being brought to the notice of the Government." Perhaps you are not aware that this individual was dismissed from the Government service as an interpreter in the Police Court for suppressing a petition which was presented by some junk men who wished to report to the Magistrate a piratical attack on their junk, accompanied with murder also, if I am not mistaken. However, the Colonial archives would be best able to show. My object here is only to point out that so far you were not altogether accurate in stating that Lee Lum Kwai "facilitated" the preparation and presentation of petitions to the Government, for, on the contrary, he occasionally "suppressed" them as well.

As to his knowledge of the law, you were also only partially informed. He did not derive much legal knowledge while in the Government service, which was of too short a duration to be of any practical value to him. He learnt it chiefly in a lawyer's office, which he subsequently joined after his dismissal from the Government service. His legal master is now in the Colony and can testify to the amount of tuition in law which he instilled into him. If an attested clerk in a London Attorney's office had gained as much knowledge of legal business, he would have considered the high premium he had paid as having been well spent; for Lum Kwai had not only out-witted his master, who is learned in law, in a prosecution against him for embezzlement, but he managed to get substantial damages from his prosecutor and quasi legal tutor. To make myself clear, Lee Lum Kwai was committed for trial on a charge of embezzlement preferred by his master. He not only succeeded in getting himself acquitted, but he brought an action against the prosecutor, his master, for either malicious prosecution or false imprisonment, and obtained substantial damages by compromise. It was a "compromise" because his master was out-witted again, and had no alternative but to "sue for peace." The success in both instances, I need hardly say, lay in the man's immense facility for inventing evidence. So much for Lee Lum Kwai's ignorance.

His Excellency ought to have asked the mother how she and her son's wives and children have been maintained since 1874. I am assured by well-informed natives that ever since Lum Kwai's imprisonment, his family has been receiving regularly a monthly stipend from his official patron, the Millionaire Mandarin as you imply he is. The old lady is not, I may here observe, so inefficient and worthy of sympathy as some of her advocates represent her to be. She was the person who moved the Chinese authorities more than once to put pressure on the Club Comptroller. It was she who carried on all the intrigue of revenge while her son was deprived of the power of working mischief. She also in a great measure contributed to the commission of the grave crime of which her son was convicted. The high official in question is reported to be greatly interested in several Chin-chow Hong, here, being a large shareholder in them; if that be so, the only wonder is that the petition did not bear more than 45 names, of which I have no doubt a majority are those of Chin-chow men or men belonging to Chin-chow firms.

Yours, &c.,
 A. B. C.

Ohina.
 FOOTLOCK.
 (Herald, Dec. 18th.)

At a special meeting of shareholders in the Footlock Ice Company, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Begley's offer to take over the machine in lieu of wages to 31st March next and passage home, to which he was entitled by terms of his agreement with the Company. Mr. Begley's offer is stated to have represented a sum of about \$800, and under the circumstances, we do not think the shareholders could have done better in the interests of all concerned. In Mr. Begley's hands the machine, in combination with the manufacture of Aerated Waters, may be worked to advantage. That its working during the past season was unprofitable is pretty generally known, but this unsatisfactory result was not, we are informed, in any way due to shortcoming on the part of the Manager (who exerted himself to the utmost, and was hopeful almost against hope) but rather to a concatenation of disaster, chief amongst which were the heavy floods in June last. Under more favorable auspices the success hitherto denied it; and it now only rests with the Community to liberally support the undertaking.

The A. D. C., it will be observed in a notice published above, announces the opening performance of the season for Friday, the 21st inst. A farce entitled "Two Gay Deceivers," and the well-known burlesque of "Villikins and his Dinah" will be presented, and it is hoped that this attractive programme will draw a full house. The theatre, which by the way, will henceforth be known as the "Gymnasium" (we hear after the celebrated kindred establishment at Paris) has been greatly enlarged since last season, while measures have, we understand, been adopted with a view to excluding draughts from the building.

If there be a true-hearted Nimrod in our midst he may without any great sacrifice of either time or personal comfort find large game worthy of serious attention. At a place not more than 10 li, or about 5 miles east of Kwan T'ou, five tigers have within the last few days been seen by the villagers, and as the brutes have committed extensive depredations, the minds of the country folk are greatly exercised. The head-man of the district has, we are informed, appealed to the authorities for assistance, and proclamations have been issued offering rewards for the capture of these unwelcome visitors. Kwan T'ou is a river-side town, a few miles above Sharp Peak, and is well known to many foreign residents.

This ugly and expensive folly, the Chinese corvette *Yang Woo*, lately returned from the Pescadores in, we hear, a very unserviceable state. This "Terror to Western Nations" has always been a kind of white elephant in the hands of her enlightened and enterprising owners, by whom she was mutilated in her infancy, in order that recognised modern principles of marine architecture might be refuted by the inventive genius of a French Chinaman. As she now stands she is neither very ornamental nor very useful. In truth she is architecturally more dangerous to friend than foe. Her capacity for rolling, even in comparatively smooth water, is said to be something fearful to contemplate, while all idea of working her gains at sea would, we are assured, be out of question. No great astonishment need therefore be expressed when it is made known that the Mamel Arsenal authorities are now seriously debating the advisability of docking and overhauling this naval monstrosity. They might save their money with advantage. In her present state she certainly serves as a beautiful specimen of a good model murdered by Oriental conceits, the only practical end to which she is adapted.

It is generally understood that Ting Fui's period of leave has been extended; in other words, that he will not return to his post as Governor of this province. Various causes are assigned for this rather unexpected retirement from office; but we believe the most reliable reason given has its foundation in an official intrigue on the part of Ting's colleagues.

We take the following from an American paper: The dialogue is reported as having taken place between a gamekeeper and the inmate of a French lunatic asylum. The madman, looking out of the iron gate of the bedlam, espied the gamekeeper, when the following conversation ensued:—

Patient.—That's a fine horse. What's it worth? Keeper.—Fifty hundred dollars. Patient.—And what did that gun cost? Keeper.—One hundred dollars. Patient.—And those dogs? Keeper.—Eighty dollars, I believe. Patient.—What have you got in that gamebag? Keeper.—A woodcock. Patient.—Well, you had better hurry on, for if our governor catches a man who has spent \$600 to get a woodcock worth 50 cents, he'll have him under lock and key in no time, I tell you.

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The O. & O. steamer, Capt. Kidley, with San Francisco date to the 17th Nov., arrived here this afternoon.

London, Nov. 7.—Lord Derby has notified the Chinese Government that the destruction of the Wu' Sung Railway will be regarded as an unfriendly act.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The Senate confirmed the nomination of John Welsh to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to England. This nomination was reported from the Foreign Relations Committee, with the unanimous recommendation that it be confirmed, and it was confirmed without debate or any dissenting voice.

London, Nov. 9.—At the Lord Mayor's banquet to-night, the Earl of Beaconsfield, replying to a toast to "His Majesty's Minister," declared in strong terms that the Government unswervingly adheres to the declaration they made at the commencement of the war, that British neutrality must not be compromised by any action or menace. He believed that this policy of remaining neutral, except in defence of British interests, was the best policy, not only for England, but also for Turkey, as it has enabled Turkey to display an amount of vigor and force which had demonstrated her right to be recognized among the sovereign Powers, and had dispelled the formerly current belief that her people were effete. Although the independence of Turkey was a subject of ridicule a year ago, whatever might be the fortune of the war, her independence was now undoubted. With regard to the prospects of peace, he did not take the desponding view which some of the Powers had taken. He was encouraged not to do so by the remembrance that the Czar had solemnly declared that his only aim was the amelioration of the Christian world. The Czar had repeatedly expressed his readiness for great sacrifices. It might be said, there was some difficulty which prevented the Czar and Sultan, although they entirely agreed upon every subject, from establishing the peace which they both desired. (Cheers and laughter.) He combated the theory that the war must be continued for the sake of Russia's military prestige. He could not understand how that prestige suffered. He did not consider prestige to be a question of a single victory, which might be the result of chance. It rather depended upon a Government's being able to command the services of brave and devoted people, and the Russian soldiers have fully proved their possession of these qualities. He concluded: The Government have both hope and patience with respect to the war, and I trust the time is not far distant when, with the rest of the Powers, we may contribute to the settlement of the difficulties which may ensure the peace and independence of Europe.

London, Nov. 13.—A Russian official despatch states that Gen. Heyman advanced against Erzerum on Thursday night, but his columns lost their way in the darkness. Three Russian battalions captured the fortified position of Azile, and although obliged to withdraw before a superior force, carried off 559 prisoners. The Russians lost 32 killed and 600 wounded.

London, Nov. 13.—A Vienna correspondent telegraphs that the capture of the position which General Skobloff has been attacking would turn all the intervening works toward Redivoh, and the fighting has not yet been for the redoubts themselves, but for the rifle-pits in front of them. The redoubts are the same which were temporarily occupied by General Skobloff in the battle of September 15th.

London, Nov. 13.—The *Full Mail* Gazette asserts that Germany is urging Belgium to accept a German protectorate and make her military system conform to Germany's, in return for a guarantee of independence in all others, and for territorial compensation. Germany argues that Belgium, in the event of another Franco-German war, would probably be the battle ground and be absorbed by the victor. A military convention with Belgium now would render Germany unassailable. The *Gazette* believes these arguments have made great way in very high quarters.

St. Louis, Nov. 13.—Midnight.—A fire broke out in the engine-room of the five-story building on Fourth street, between the Pine and Chestnut streets, and opposite the Planter's House. The flames immediately ascended the elevator. All the rooms in the rear of the building, from the basement to the roof, are now in flames. John Bonnell's restaurant, in the rear of the building, is destroyed, and the fire has extended through to the Fourth street front. The magnificent Chamber of Commerce building is only separated from the burning structure by a twenty-foot area, but as the wind is from the south-east the flames are driven north-east, and the prospects now are that the building will not be injured beyond the possible breaking of the plate-glass windows of the Merchants' Exchange hall, which occupies the whole of the western side of the Chamber of Commerce building. The whole Fire Department is on duty.

When the nomination of John I. Stephens of Maine, to be Minister to Stockholm came up in the Senate, the Republicans voted against its confirmation, but the Democrats voted for it. The opposition was not to Stephens, but to the removal of the present Minister, a reputable man, against whose course no charges can be made.

London, November 14.—The *Daily News* quotes the following from the *Nation*: "A breach of the Constitution in France would transfer all power from the peaceful elements of the population to the Army, in which event the consequences to European peace need no description." The correspondent believes that the above is

presents the feeling of both the German people and Government.

The master builders at London unananimously declare against a conference with the masons on a strike, and decide to continue the importation of foreign labour.

The property destroyed by the fire at St. Louis on Tuesday night was insured for \$70,000.

The Russians traversed Etropol Pass, near Orhanie, but were repulsed by a Turkish corps of observation, with a loss of 44 men.

New York, Nov. 9.—It is stated that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is about closing the arrangements for the absorption of the Panama Transic Company.

Finia, November 14.—A special from Bucharest says that General Skobloff captured additional Turkish positions on Monday night. A movement of troops inside of Plewna is observed, as though a sortie were imminent.

Servia has replied to the Porte's demand for the withdrawal of Serbian troops from the frontier, that it is impossible to leave the inhabitants of the frontier without military protection.

A correspondent in Belgrade telegraphs that signs of activity in Servia are multiplying. Fresh troops are daily marching to the frontier, ambulance corps are forming, and in the arsenal at Kragujevatz work is going on night and day.

Besides the capture of the fort at Sulturman, commanding the town of Antivari, as reported yesterday, the Montenegrins have taken four block houses toward Scutari. Spuz is suffering greatly from the bombardment.

Telegraphic and road communication between Sogonatz and Scutari is interrupted. The total Turkish force in Albania is only eighteen battalions. There is no force at Antivari or Scutari sufficient to oppose the Montenegrins.

The Turkish reinforcements are in excellent spirits, and confident of their ability to hold Erzerum.

A despatch from Constantinople states that the Foreign Ministers informed M. Ristich, the Serbian Agent, on Monday, that the Porte no longer doubted that Servia was preparing for war. He to-day replied that he had received no confirmation of that statement.

Launceston cotton masters will reduce the wages of their operatives.

In polling for the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University, W. E. Gladstone received 1,163 votes, and Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 609.

Omaha, Neb., November 15.—An earthquake shook visited Omaha and vicinity at about twenty-five minutes to 12 o'clock this morning. It was pretty generally felt over the city, both by people on the streets and in buildings. In large buildings, especially, the shock was very distinctly felt, creating intense excitement among the occupants, and causing a rush to the doors. The minute to a minute and a half, according to the statements of different parties. The most movement occurred at the Post Office building. The U. S. Circuit Court was in session in the large court-room on the third floor. The pro rata case of the Kansas Pacific and Denver Pacific Railroads was occupying the attention of the Court. Judge Usher was just opening the case for the plaintiffs, when suddenly a large clock on the wall at the back of the Judge's seat swung to and fro, a large chandelier suspended from the ceiling swung this way and that, and a general vibration of the whole building was noticed. A general panic ensued. Judge Usher stopped short in his argument. The large crowd sprang to their feet and started for the door. In the upper stories of the Grand Central Hotel, the shock caused some little sensation. In the upper stories of the Caldwell Hotel, Central Block and Oregon Block, the earthquakes were distinctly felt. At the meeting works, in the lumber yards, and in the Union Pacific headquarters building it was very strong, especially in the latter structure, where many of the employees in the second and third stories ran out of the offices, thinking that a heavy safe that was being hoisted to the second story had fallen, and a few of the clerks thought the building was tumbling down, and went outside to satisfy themselves. In every quarter of the city similar incidents transpired. Despatches received here show that the earthquake extended from Omaha to Sidney, and was felt at nearly every station on the Union Pacific road between the two points. It was not felt at Cheyenne. At North Platte, the school children hurriedly evacuated the school building, and the Court House was slightly damaged. The walls of the Court House at Columbia were cracked in nine different places. The Court House at Plattsmouth, twenty miles south of Omaha, was also cracked. It is reported that considerable glass was broken at Sioux City. The vibrations seemed to be north and south, and, as far as known, the shock was confined principally to Nebraska.

Salt Lake, Nov. 14.—Yesterday the First National Bank of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, obtained a judgment against John W. Young for \$10,474, and in the afternoon United States Marshal Nelson seized the Salt Lake Museum and the horses, carriage and household effects of Young to satisfy the judgment. This is only one of many suits pending against this "prodigal" son of the Prophet.

Erzerum, Nov. 13.—The Russians recaptured Fort Azile on Wednesday, but were immediately expelled. Inhabitants of Erzerum have participated in the recent fighting. The loss has been considerable. There is general enthusiasm. Russian cavalry have appeared on the north of Erzerum.

Constantinople, Nov. 13.—The Russians have been repulsed near Kara, after prolonged fighting.

London, Nov. 15.—A special dated Fort-de-France, Tuesday, says the Russians yesterday

summoned Osman Pasha to surrender. Osman refused.

London, Nov. 15.—A Vienna correspondent estimates the Russian force before Erzerum at 25,000 men, which is insufficient to invest that place. Mukhtar Pasha is now confident of his ability to hold the fort until reinforcements arrive. Bostoun also seems as safe as ever.

A despatch from Bagot says: General Skobloff, on capturing a position on Green Hill, near Brastovo, immediately threw up a redoubt, which gave rise to the belief at headquarters that one of the Turkish redoubts had been captured.

Mohemet Ali is moving with the forces at Sona to a position at Chalkovatz, ten miles west of S.na, where the road from Lom Palanka intersects the road to Nisch. Here he will be able to watch Servia, and, if needed, to operate with the force at Orhanie.

The Montenegrins have taken Fort Pontas. They bombarded Antivari all yesterday. They captured all the Turkish provisions and depots.

Of 500,000 roubles sent to Montenegro for the relief of the inhabitants, the Russian agents have applied over 800,000 roubles in bringing political influence to bear on the people.

A special from Athens states that the Prince of Montenegro has invited Greece to co-operate in the invasion of Albania.

A Belgrade correspondent reports that skirmishes are occurring continually between the Serbian frontier guards and Bash Bazouks.

The Turks are erecting intrenchments at Bagova, on the Timok.

A correspondent writes:—The Turkish exchequer occasionally comes to a standstill, and it is wonderful how it ever moves on again. Recently, an offer of arms was rejected because \$20,000 could not be raised to complete the payment.

Shakir Pasha has arrived at Orhanie, to take command in place of Chekvet Pasha, removed.

There has been heavy snow in Asia. A council of war, under the Presidency of the Sultan, decided to largely reinforce Mohemet Ali. Rumors of peace negotiations are denied.

Quotations.
 Hongkong, December 20, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$430 credit, —
 " Old Patna, cash, — None credit, —
 " New Benares, cash, 605 credit, —
 " Old Benares, cash, None credit, —
 " New Malwa, cash, 700 credit, —
 " Allowance, — cash, —
 " Old Malwa, cash, 780 credit, —
 " Allowance, — cash, —

Exchange.
 Bank, on demand, ... 8/10 1/2
 " 30 days' sight, ... 3/11
 " 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 1/2
 Credits, ... 3/11 1/2
 Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 1/2
 Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 225
 Calcutta, ... 225
 Shanghai, demand, ... 72 1/2
 " 30 days' sight, ... 73 1/2
 Bar Silver, 17, dwts. 2, ... 10 1/2 %
 Sycee, ... 8
 Mexican, ... 1 s. 6 d. pm.
 Gold Leaf, ... 36 20
 English Sovereign, ... 5 0 6
 Australian Sovereign, ... 5 0 6
 Discount, ... 8 a 10

Shares.
 Hongkong Bank, 5% prem: Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,100
 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,860
 Chinese Insurance Co., \$262
 Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 655
 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 860
 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$685
 China Fire Ins. Co., \$175
 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 4 1/2 dia.
 H.K. O. & M.S. Boat Co., 16 1/2 dia.
 Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26
 Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$68
 Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104

Temperatures.
 (Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 20, 1877.
 BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.900
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.160
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.162
 THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 68
 Do. 1 P.M. ... 67 1/2
 Do. 4 P.M. ... 67
 Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 65 1/2
 Do. Do. 1 P.M. 67
 Do. Do. 4 P.M. 66
 Do. Maximum ... 68
 Do. Minimum over night 65

Shipping Intelligence.
 The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.
 AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Oct.	2, Anna Bertha,	Copenhagen	
	3, Forest Belle,	Cardiff	
	4, Empire,	Newport	
	5, Elcano,	Penarth	
	6, Kaiser,		

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
TOKIO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-
DAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon, taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 21st Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 8, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 27th December,
1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DUMENEZ, Commandant CHAMPELAIN,
with PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 26th December, 1877. (Parcels
are not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALICIA" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1878,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd January, 1878. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. E. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1877. jad

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

SHANGHAI CANTON.

THE Desirable Property known as
Lot No. 49, consisting of Commodious
DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and
BIBL GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to
G. M. SMITH,
Canton.

October 16, 1877.

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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.
A to K, with Introduction. Royal Socy.
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.
Tubingen.

Price Two Dollars and a Half.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
HUNT & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. State of Alabama, Captain
RITCHEY, having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk and
stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned,
whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to
Shanghai and/or Yokohama, unless notice
to the contrary is given before 5 p.m.
To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
The Steamer having met with certain
accidents during her voyage, Consignees
will be required to sign an Average Agree-
ment, which is lying at the Office of the
Undersigned, before delivery of their Cargo
can be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, S. S. State of Alabama.
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de22

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. GEELONG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel, from Bombay and
Intermediate Ports, and in connection with
the Steamers MALWA from London, and
POONAH from Calcutta, are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk in the Company's
Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery
can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 24th Instant
will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de22

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glengyle having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo by her are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk and stored in the Godowns of
the Undersigned, whence and/or from the
Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shang-
hai, unless notice to the contrary is given
before 11 a.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
24th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, S. S. Glengyle.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Ex Djennah.

W. G. S. No. 17 } Mr G. W. Scott, 7 cases
W. B. } Wine, from Mar-
H. M. S. Laying. } seilles.

Mr J. Bidley, 1 case Effects, from
Formosa.

Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAQUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Gange, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before TO-MORROW, the 14th Inst.,
at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after THURSDAY,
the 20th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1877.

Intimations.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr ARTHUR has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 87,
Praya, or to Mr FAR JACK, at 30, King
Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. mal9

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,

IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at

the Rate of FIVE TAELS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
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Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Vouchers will be delivered by the Undersigned
to Shareholders or their lawful
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Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
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Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 8, 1877.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
21st and 22nd December, 1877.

Patron,
HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POPE HEN-
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Rowing..... Hon. C. C. SMITH.
Yachts..... E. BEART, Esq.
Open Sailing Boats, E. BURNIE, Esq.

Starters,
Rowing..... Hon. C. C. SMITH.
Yachts..... E. BEART, Esq.
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FIRST DAY,
FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.

Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling
Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile.
Prize, "Broken" Cup. Open to any
one who has never won a Sculling Race
in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

For Gigs pulled by European Non-Com-
missioned Officers and Men of any Regiment
or Corps in Garrison, or by European
Members of the Police Force. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigger Boats ex-
cluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.

The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared
Canton Outrigger. Distance One mile and
a half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Dis-
tance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allow-
ed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.

"LADIES' PURSE." For Single Pair Scul-
ling Boats. Distance One Mile. En-
trance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chi-
nese. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time
for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.

International Race. "Challenge Cup"—
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong
—for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. To
be won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

SAILING RACE.

For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. En-
trance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second,
\$10.

YACHT RACE.

For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed
for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup
presented.

SECOND DAY,
SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.

For Gigs pulled by European Non-Com-
missioned Officers and men of any
Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by
European Members of the Police Force.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of
Second Race on first day, and out-rigger
Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chi-
nese. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1.
First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner
of Sixth Race on first day excluded.
Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.

"Members' Cup"—presented by Members
of "The Victoria Recreation Club"—
for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. Dis-
tance One Mile and a half. Entrance
\$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup"
excluded.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

For Men-of-War Outrigger. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.

Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Pas-
senger Community. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies'
Purse" excluded.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

For Officers of H.M.S. Audacious against
Fleet in harbour. Cup presented by the
Members of the Hongkong Club, to be
rowed in Canton Tonnage. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$10.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.

"American Cup" open to all Members
and Honorary Members of the Victoria
Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton
Tonnage. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

SAILING RACE.

For all Open Boats, Chinese excluded.
Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second,
\$10.

YACHT RACE.

For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time
allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton.
Cup presented by the "Victoria Recrea-
tion Club."

DUDLEY C. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club,
Hongkong, 27th November, 1877.

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CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against
the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA,"
who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel,
on the 8th day of February 1877, and
whose Will was duly proved, and Letters
of Administration, with the Will annexed,
of whose personal Estate were duly granted
to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27, Queen's
Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the
Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Pro-
bate Jurisdiction on the 22nd day of Sep-
tember 1877, are hereby required to send
in writing the particulars of their Claims
or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned
WILLIAM HENRY BREWSTER, the
Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at
the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY
BREWSTER, 28 Queen's Road, Hongkong,
on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the
expiration of the last-mentioned day, the
said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to dis-
tribute the Assets of the said JAMES
SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties
entitled thereto, having regard to the
Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
has then had notice; and that the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the
Assets or any part thereof, so distributed,
to any person of whose Claim the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the
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